

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Safety and Occupational Health Study Section

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Safety and Occupational Health Study Section

3b. GSA Committee No.

1021

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/30/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/30/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 2 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 2

Purpose

To review grant applications

Start

10/31/2017

End

- 11/01/2017

To review grant applications

02/06/2018

- 02/08/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$15,750.00	\$30,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$63,349.00	\$64,552.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$17,750.00	\$30,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$33,244.00	\$63,895.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$5,664.00	\$8,573.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$35,174.00	\$56,763.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$128,512.00	\$184,481.00

18d. Total	\$299,443.00	\$438,264.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.62	0.62

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Study Section accomplishes its purpose as a result of: 1) qualified scientific review administrators and support staff; 2) continued success in recruiting leading researchers in occupational safety and health for membership on the committee; 3) ample meeting and logistic resources; 4) appropriate coordination with related National Institutes of Health study sections; 5) and consistency in development and application of administrative rules and guidelines for peer review among the various Department of Health and Human Services institutes and centers. The main measure of success is acknowledgment by the scientific community that the highest quality applications in occupational safety and health are being identified by the Study Section. NOTE: The Study Section received 133 applications and reviewed 70 grant applications, requesting \$112,776,471 in support. The total dollar amount awarded is not yet available.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Study Section is balanced in terms of female and ethnic/minority representation, as well as geographic distribution. The Study Section is composed of 20 public members with expertise in occupational medicine and nursing, industrial hygiene, occupational safety and engineering, toxicology, chemistry, safety and health education, ergonomics, epidemiology, psychology, and pulmonary pathology/physiology. These 20 members are usually augmented by 14-18 consultant reviewers to manage the application review load per member and to supplement the expertise of the public members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Study Section meets three times a year and reviews between 70 and 80 applications per round in all of the specified subject areas. Meetings are very relevant. There are no other committees at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that review occupational safety and health research applications. In general, research applications submitted to NIOSH are reviewed by the Study Section. Otherwise, assignments depend on whether occupational safety and health issues are central or peripheral to an application.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Study Section provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, on scientific, research, and training areas related to occupational safety and health, which

are in need of special emphasis and expertise to meet such needs. The committee provides review for scientific and technical merit of all research and demonstration grant applications, as well as fellowships in the program areas related to the cause, prevention, and control of diseases and injuries in the occupational environment; provides review for educational, scientific, and technical merit of safety and occupational health training grant applications; and recommends grant applications, which merit support, to the appropriate national advisory councils. There is no direct duplication of the committee review activities with other committees.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are closed since the subject matter is considered proprietary and confidential under the terms of Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5, U.S.C., and Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463.

21. Remarks

No reports required.

Designated Federal Officer

Joanne Fairbanks Committee Management Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alexander, Lacy	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Penn State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Babski-Reeves, Kari	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor and Associate Dean, Mississippi State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bowling, James	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Research Associate Professor, University North Carolina	Peer Review Consultant Member
Brown, Jared	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, University of Colorado	Peer Review Consultant Member
Budke, Christine	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Texas A&M University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Burgess, Jeffrey	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, University of Arizona	Peer Review Consultant Member
Buss, Julia	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Deputy Director, Univesrity of California	Peer Review Consultant Member
Caban-Martinez, Alberto	09/15/2015	06/30/2019	Assistant Professor, University of Miami	Peer Review Consultant Member
Carruth, Ann	10/07/2015	06/30/2019	Dean of Nursing, Southeastern Louisiana University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Carruth, Daniel	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Associate Director, Mississippi State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Carter, Robert	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Research Physiologist, United States Army	Peer Review Consultant Member
Casteel, Carri	10/17/2015	06/30/2019	Associate Professor, University of Iowa	Peer Review Consultant Member
Chang, Chu-Hsiang	07/01/2016	06/30/2020	Associate Professor, Michigan State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Cheng, Yung Sung	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Fellow, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute	Peer Review Consultant Member

Dale, Ann	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Washington University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Dixon, Philip	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor, Iowa State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Fu, Rongwei	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor, Oregon Health and Science University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Gordon, Terry	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Professor, New York University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Grinshpun, Sergey	09/09/2015	06/30/2020	Professor, University of Cincinnati	Peer Review Consultant Member
Groves, William	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Penn State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Harris Adamson, Carisa	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Director Graduate Program, University of California San Francisco	Peer Review Consultant Member
Horn, Gavin	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Research Program Director, Fire Service Institute	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hughes, Richard	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Assistant Professor, University of Michigan	Peer Review Consultant Member
Kapellusch, Jay	09/16/2016	06/30/2020	Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin	Peer Review Consultant Member
Kecojevic, Vladislav	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Professor, West Virginia University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Landsittel, Douglas	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, University of Pittsburgh	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lash, Lawrence	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, Wayne State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
LePrell, Colleen	09/29/2016	06/30/2020	Professor, University of Texas	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lipscomb, Hester	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor Emeritus, Duke University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Mirka, Gary	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, Iowa State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Moline, Jacqueline	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Vice President and Chair, Hofstra University/Northwell Health	Peer Review Consultant Member
Morandi, Maria	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor (Retired), Private Consultant	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ormond, Robert	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Otuonye, Francis	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Tennessee Tech University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Pickens, Adam	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Pollack, Keshia	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ramachandran, Gurumurthy	09/17/2015	06/30/2019	Professor, University of Minnesota	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rosenman, Kenneth	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor, Michigan State University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rubin, Rachel	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Senior Public Health Medical Officer, University of Illinois	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sapkota, Amir	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, University of Maryland	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sembajwe, Grace	09/15/2015	06/30/2019	Associate Professor, Hunter College	Peer Review Consultant Member
Shaw, William	08/29/2016	06/30/2018	Senior Research Scientist, Liberty Mutual Institute	Peer Review Consultant Member
Simpson, Christopher	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor, University of Washington	Peer Review Consultant Member

Smith, Denise	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Professor, Skidmore College	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Sommerich, Carolyn	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor, Ohio State University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Stallones, Lorann	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, Colorado State University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Steege, Linsey	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Taylor, Jennifer	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Drexel University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Thrall, Brian	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Associate Director, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Vining, Joanne	02/05/2018	09/30/2018	Emerita Professor, University of Illinois	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Volckens, John	10/20/2015	06/30/2019	Associate Professor, Colorado State University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Wisnewski, Adam	09/19/2016	06/30/2020	Associate Professor, Yale University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Woldstad, Jeffrey	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Department Head and Professor, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Yanez, Norbert	09/21/2016	06/30/2020	Associate Professor, Oregon Health Science University	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Young, Martin	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Professor, University of Alabama	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Yu, Xiaozhong	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Assistant Professor, University of Georgia	Peer Review
				Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 56

Narrative Description

The agency's mission and the U.S. taxpayer are served by an extramural program that funds quality (peer reviewed) applications in the area of occupational safety and health. This Study Section, which contains invaluable expertise in the multidisciplinary areas reflected in the grant applications, offers scientific advice to the agency by peer review of applications.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

This method of holding committee meetings are more cost effective than Special Emphasis Panels; however, an exact amount of savings cannot be determined.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a grant application review committee and does not make recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This is a grant application review committee and does not make recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides the committee and the public information on award funding.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 133

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 70

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$112,776,471

Grant Review Comments

This amount reflects the dollar amount of grants received for review. The total dollar amount awarded is not yet available.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other



Access Comments

The reviewers provide critiques of the reviews online. The reviewers provide scientific scores while physically present at the meetings.